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Sharon Gillet  
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Application to participate in the Broadband Adoption Lifeline Pilot Program,  
WC Docket No. 11-42**

Dear Ms. Gillet:

Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) respectfully submits this request for an extension to submit an application to participate in the Broadband Adoption Lifeline Pilot Program.

HTI requests an additional 10-14 days in order to prepare a complete and competitive application. HTI is a Tribal owned ETC serving the Hopi Reservation, on which seventy-eight percent of the residents receive Lifeline. As such, HTI is in a position to provide the Bureau with meaningful data related to adoption and retention of broadband services by low-income households.

HTI originally contacted consultants to explore the option of outsourcing the preparation of the application and management of the Pilot, if we were to be selected. The costs associated with that model were much too high for us to responsibly consider. HTI participated in a conference call with ONAP and the Bureau, and as a result, we feel that we can prepare and submit a competitive application using our own resources. That being said, we lost time exploring the experiment option using experts in the design of field experiments.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at 928-522-8428 with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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